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Wing members 'walk the walk' during October UTA



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Front Cover: Wing members participate in the annual three-mile walk during the October unit training assembly. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kim Warren)

Commander's Words

Greetings! Let me re-introduce myself – I am Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, and I am your commander. I have been gone for a few months, and I hope you haven't forgotten me. I heard that you all missed hearing about Boudreaux and Clarence, so here is the latest:

Boudreaux lives across de bayou from Clarence who he don't like at all. They always yell across de bayou at each other, and Boudreaux would say, "If I had a way to cross de bayou, I would come over there and beat you up good." This went on for years, and finally the state done built a bridge across dat bayou right near their houses. Boudreaux starts across the bridge, but sees a sign on the bridge, so he stops to read it. He turns around and heads back to his house and tells Marie, "I done changed my mind about beatin' up Clarence. You know Marie, they got a sign on that bridge that says Clearance 13 feet 6 inches. You know, he don't look near that big when I yell at him across de bayou."

As many of our Wing warriors are going through the demobilization process, I want to take another opportunity to thank each and every member of the Wing for their contributions to the war on terrorism. For those of you that were mobilized and deployed, a special thanks to you and your families for the many sacrifices that you have made for your country. It



Brig. Gen. Jack C. Ihle
917th Wing Commander

has not gone unnoticed, and our nation will be a better place as a result of your dedication and effort.

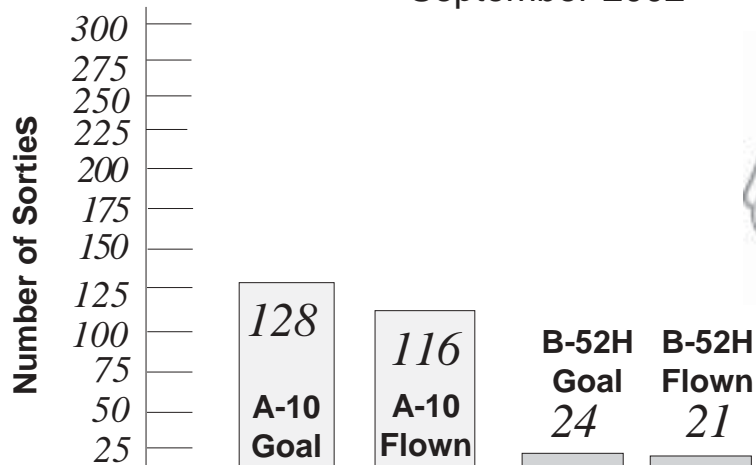
We have the honor of hosting Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, 10th Air Force commander, and his wife Deborah during the November unit training assembly. He and his staff do a superb job of supporting us, and I will be bringing him around to many of our offices/shops so that he can see first hand the true professionals in action. Look sharp, and don't hesitate to discuss any areas of concern with Gen. Tanzi.

I would also like to welcome our civilian employers visiting the Wing during this UTA. During this past year we have asked a lot of our employers, and we appreciate the many sacrifices they have made in support of our Air Force and country. Hopefully, they will gain a better understanding of our mission and the great work our Air Force Reserve is doing for our nation.

Finally, we have two holidays this month that we want to take some time out of our busy schedules to remember. First is Veterans Day: a day to honor American veterans of all wars. Our veterans have endured extreme sacrifices, many of them the ultimate sacrifice, to ensure we can continue to enjoy freedoms known by no others. And the other special event is Thanksgiving: make time to stop and reflect on the many blessings we have been given.

Welcome employers of the 917th Wing reservists!

917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard September 2002



A-10 Mission Capable Rate 87%
B-52H Mission Capable Rate 82.8%

AFRC Goal 75%
AFRC Goal 65%

*In May 2003,
the Inspector General will
visit the 917th Wing and
observe us...*



Doing our duty

**By Lt. Col. Charlie Morgan
Wing Performance Planner**

Several weeks ago, Shreveport-Bossier hosted 83 Medal of Honor recipients for three days, culminating in a large banquet with retired Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf as our guest speaker. For those who attended any of the numerous functions, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. As Gen. Schwarzkopf stated, whenever you ask Medal of Honor recipients to tell about their heroic actions, they simply state, 'I was just doing my duty.'

Our Unit Compliance Inspection is next May 14-18. The Inspector General is coming to the 917th Wing to observe us doing our duty. They're coming to observe us doing our fiscal and financial duties. They're checking to observe us accomplishing our hazardous waste duties. They're checking on our paperwork, mentoring and safety duties. Let's take safety. You may have 20 excellent arguments on why you shouldn't have to wear a seatbelt. We wear them, how-

ever, because Air Force regulations and the laws of Louisiana require it. It's our DUTY.

Now, we all know we have the finest Wing in the United States Air Force (Camelot). Our 93rd Bomb Squadron, along with maintainers and bomb loaders have given much in the past year on kicking butt in the war on terrorism. Our 47th Fighter Squadron won the Hawgsmoke Award for being the best in the Air Force worldwide. Our support and finance personnel have helped all our airmen as they accomplished their missions. Operationally, everyone else knows we're the best.

Come next May, let's show the IG we're also the best at compliance, or doing our duty.

Besides duty (which is good enough), we have one more reason to shine next year. Brig. Gen. Ihle, the King of Camelot, retires at the end of 2003. We know he's given us the best environment to accomplish our jobs. Let's add a little extra brightness to his star while we have the opportunity!

January

Self-inspection cycle

Complete self-inspection checklists, and put any discrepancies into the Self Inspection Tracking System. For refresher training on SITS, call Master Sgts. Rob Ahbol at 456-9400 or Wade Shaw at 456-9075.

February

*10th Air Force Staff Assistance
Visit*

March

Spruce up the Wing

This includes everything from replacing dead bushes to filing last year's paperwork.

April

Finishing Touches

Complete any last-minute tasks in preparation for the UCI in May.

Reserve AEF cycle undergoes change

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs

Realigning Air Reserve Component contributions to the air and space expeditionary force begins with the start of Cycle 4 in June.

The realignment involves distributing Air Reserve component assets across the AEFs to provide a more consistent level of the workload for the reserve. The changes will enhance the ability of the AEF construct to handle both steady state requirements and surge support for contingency operations, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, special assistant to the chief of staff for air and space expeditionary forces.

"Expeditionary combat support, including cooks, civil engineers, transportation and other support personnel, has

deployed at different times to different places in the past," said Lt. Col. Robert Timm, 917th Wing director of plans.

"Now, we will complete our AEF cycle as a Wing, all at the same time," he said.

"This will enable our commander to plan yearly Wing deployments like we've done in the past."

Leveling the assets will make some airmen vulnerable to deployment sooner than they expected, while others will have their normal training periods extended.

"It may be that some (unit type codes) move from AEF 5 to AEF 3," Peppe said.

"So, instead of having 15 months between cycles, they will have 12. Some are going to move backward, having 18 months versus 15 months, because the AEF Center is trying to match expeditionary combat support assets, where possible, to

where the 'iron' (aircraft or weapon system) is moved."

The time between AEF cycles for the Wing will extend from 15 months to nearly two years, according to Timm.

"The move has a secondary benefit," Timm said. "In the past, we could have faced two operational readiness inspections, one for aviation and one for support personnel. We will now complete ORIs as a Wing."

"The bottom line is, we're making changes to maximize capability available across the board," Peppe said.

"We want to smooth-flow capabilities across the AEFs and minimize the hills and valleys."

(Information for this article obtained from *Air Force Print News*)

Thanksgiving... *an American tradition*

By Chap. (Lt. Col.) Bill Willis
Wing Chaplain

"O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:1-2

Thanksgiving is a great American tradition. Once a year we take time with our family and friends to remember our blessings. As people of faith, we direct our attitude of gratitude toward God and look for ways to share our blessings with others.

Once again we will be collecting non-perishable foods during our November and December unit training assemblies to help replenish the pantry through Family Support. Boxes will be distributed through the first sergeants in each organization.

Following is a prayer from the Air Force Chaplain Service Book of Prayers for your consideration:

We offer our thanks to you, O God, for all we have received. As Thanksgiving arrives, we think of the Pilgrims who sailed across a stormy ocean long ago, in search of religious freedom and a new opportunity for life. Early on they learned that faith in you, combined with hard work, is an unbeatable recipe for contentment. They were supreme realists. Centuries later, we are still pilgrims. Often forgetting the formula of faith and hard work, we wonder why life disappoints us. At our Thanksgiving feast, may we take a long, loving look at our lives, all stuffed with blessings, and then remember the source of all that is good. Make our holiday a time of true thanksgiving for all we have, and may we offer both a prayer and a hand to those who have less. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

Wing wins base golf tourney

Lt. Col. Steve Kirkpatrick, 93rd Bomb Squadron commander, looks on as Master Sgt. Kermit Morris, 93BS mission systems supervisor, lines the ball up to putt. The 917th Wing Intramural Golf Team won the Barksdale Golf Championship on Friday, Oct. 11 at the base golf course.

Race for a cure

Annual 5-k run held to raise breast cancer awareness



**By Tech. Sgt. Terrell Eikner
93rd Bomb Squadron UPAR**

The Susan Komen Race for the Cure, an annual 5-kilometer run to raise breast cancer awareness, took place on Sept. 21 at Mall St. Vincent in Shreveport, La. Many of the more than 4,000 race participants are cancer survivors. Others ran in memory of someone who lost their life to the disease.

"I ran in Chief Denson's memory," said Senior Master Sgt. Melanie Acosta, 917th Operations Systems Flight Airspace and Bombing Range manager. "The run allowed me to personally reflect on her life and her influence on me."

The late Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Denson, former chief of Wing Education and Training, became an active volunteer with the local Komen Foundation after being diagnosed with cancer in November 1999. In June 2001, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the national Komen Race for the Cure. Denson volunteered to help with the local race and did so until her death.

"She (Denson) was indispensable and her involvement in the race made everything run so smoothly," said Penny Durham, president, Komen Foundation

local affiliate. "Her attitude and willingness to be supportive and listen to others is just a small testimony of how great she was."

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer at the age of 36.

The Komen Foundation's mission is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, screening, education and treatment.

"The Komen Foundation is doing everything in its power to provide funding for more research," said Cathy Campbell, breast cancer survivor and Komen spokesperson.

"Advances in the treatment of breast cancer are being made everyday. Researchers are working very hard to find a cure for the disease," she said.

"Early detection is key," said Durham. "We must make sure that people are aware and educated about breast cancer. They need to know what they need to do to protect themselves."

"As the race continues to grow in numbers, the more impact we know we are having on the community," she said.

Links to breast cancer awareness

www.breastcancerinfo.com

www.raceforthe cure.com

1-800-IMAWARE
(462-9273)

458-RACE

307 RHS raises the roof



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. WENDIE SELF

Tech. Sgt. Marion Cormican, Grissom Air Force Base, Ind., Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Watson, 307th RED HORSE Squadron structural carpenter, and Tech. Sgt. Linda McCausland, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, construct a floor in one of the homes built. Members of the 307 RHS deployed to Gallup, N.M., in August to help construct homes for Navajo Indians.

RED HORSE Squadron improves quality of life for Indian tribes

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs**

A family of six Navajo Indians lived in a one-room hut made of mud and straw with dirt floors, and no running water or electricity. They had only a wood-burning stove, set in the middle of the hut, to provide them heat and a place to cook food. Life is different now for the family of six, who were recipients of one of the first houses built after the housing construction project began in 1997. At the same time, a member of the Lakota Sioux

Tribe escapes the relentless rising waters of Devil's Lake, and needs improved drainage.

Eight personnel from 307th RED HORSE Squadron deployed to Gallup, N.M., in August for the fourth year in a row to complete construction on 10 houses built this year as part of an ongoing construction project there. Meanwhile, 15 additional RED HORSE personnel deployed to the Spirit Lake

Nation Indian Reservation, N.D., to assist the North Dakota Army National Guard in providing the Lakota Sioux tribe with better housing, improved drainage and new roadways.

Gallup, N.M.

"Our main purpose for participating in this project is for training," said Tech. Sgt. Lonnie Jones, 307 RHS heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration

mechanic. "We also do it to help the folks out there."

It takes approximately two weeks to complete one house, each one built exactly like the one before it, all from a master plan, he said. After gathering up a workforce, the project begins.

"We worked on three houses at one time," Jones said. "When we completed a house, the local guys came out and took the house to the reservation, set it on piers, and completed the electrical work and whatever needed to be done to get the house ready to move in to."

The project starts in May of each year and lasts through September. The goal is to build approximately 10 houses per year, Jones said. Military units rotate in and out through the four-month period, usually in two-week increments.

Approximately 200 Air Force and Marine reservists participated this year; the 307 RHS for about a month, according to Joseph G. Esparza, director of the Southwest Indian Foundation project office.

"Without the military's help, we would be forced to hire 30 to 40 more people, and we don't have the money to pay for that kind of manpower," Esparza said.

Despite the hard work, members of the 307 RHS found the work to be rewarding. "It felt good to be able to go out and help people who needed it," said Staff Sgt. Wendie Self, 307 RHS supply clerk.

"We met a family who received one of the first houses ever built since the project began," Self said. "They were very thankful to us. One of the girls said it was nice to have an actual bedroom and be able to sleep on something besides dirt. They also said how nice it was to have heat and lights so they could see."

"Television is all new to them," she said. The two boys, who were between the ages of 10 and 13, were watching cartoons, something they had never gotten to do before they received

their new house. They commented how happy they were just to live under a real roof."

Spirit Lake Nation Reservation, N.D.

Devil's Lake is located adjacent to the Spirit Lake Nation Reservation of the Lakota Sioux Tribe. It is a natural lake created by a glacier during the Ice Age and has no natural outlet.

In 1992, the lake began to rise and to date, has risen 22 vertical feet, affecting thousands of acres of land and displacing about 400 Lakota Sioux families.

In fiscal year 2001, the NDARNG along with federal, state and local entities, began the process of renovating houses that were relocated from Grand Forks and Minot Air Force Base in a project entitled Joint Task Force Shield.

The 307 RHS joined forces with Army National Guard soldiers in the renovation of homes, installation of water lines and sewer systems, and the building of roads on the Spirit Lake reservation. The JTFS has placed 74 homes on the reservation so far.

"We were assigned projects at three different locations on the reservation," said Master Sgt. Bobby Herring, 307 RHS pavement construction equipment

operator. "The projects involved placing French drains around the foundations of homes, backfilling and landscaping."

"We also created a drainage plan to include installing culverts, backsloping ditches, installing driveways, and graveling some existing roadways," he said.

"The 307th rolled in here, with no problem," said Maj. Jerome Moszer, JTFS executive construction officer. "They took absolute pristine care of our equipment. They assisted with the finishing of 34 homes."

"They're a great crew of men," he said. "Without them, we wouldn't have made our mission. We just had to get over the common language barrier...their accent and our accent."

"This was a very valuable project," Herring said. "It benefited the Spirit Lake Nation with much needed housing and gave our unit members some excellent hands-on training."

For more information...

Housing project in Gallup, N.M.

www.southwestindian.com

Housing project in Spirit Lake, N.D.

www.guard.bismarck.nd.us



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. CHARLIE MCINTIRE

Staff Sgt. Larry Hays, 307th RED HORSE Squadron pavement construction operator, pushes up topsoil for landscaping in Rolling Hills, a housing area located on the Spirit Lake Nation Reservation, N.D.

Reserve recoups GI Bill benefits

On Oct. 1, the Air Force Reserve began recouping money from reservists who received GI Bill benefits but failed to complete their military or education obligations.

The Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve enables reserve component members who enlist, re-enlist or extend in the Selected Reserve for a six-year contract to be eligible for education benefits. However, the 1985 law also calls for fund recoupment if service members do not complete continuous satisfactory membership in the Selected Reserve.

Members who have been placed in the Individual Ready Reserve for more than 12 months because of absences from training, failure to meet physical standards or to complete military courses are among those who will be asked to refund unearned benefits.

Contact the Wing Education and Training office at 456-9247 for more information.

Reserve TA increases to 100 percent

On Oct. 1, reserve tuition assistance increased from 75 to 100 percent for members receiving their first bachelor's degree. Members pursuing their first master's degree will continue to receive TA at a rate of 75 percent, not to exceed \$187.50 per semester hour credit.

TA now pays up to \$250 per semester-hour credit for reservists who participate in voluntary off-duty education. Reservists will be reimbursed up to \$4,500 in total course costs per fiscal year, up from \$3,500.

Reserve members may not receive both tuition assistance and Montgomery GI Bill benefits at the same time for the same classes.

Enlisted members must have at least 24 months retainability, and commissioned officers must agree to serve at least two years in addition to their current obligation. Members must maintain a passing grade to remain eligible for tuition assistance.

Government travel now paper-free

All commercial airlines have recently released notification of policy changes, which promote issuance of electronic tickets.

The airlines are assessing a \$20 service fee for paper tickets. The Passenger Travel Section encourages travelers to use e-tickets for all official government travel to prevent the airlines from imposing the extra fee.

Understand there are circumstances in which paper tickets are necessary. However, this will be an exception to the rule on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions regarding the change, please contact the Travel Management Office Passenger Travel Section at 456-4901.

Barksdale Top Three hosts golf tourney

Come out swingin' at the Barksdale Top Three Inaugural Gator Classic. The event will be held at the base golf course on Friday, Nov. 8. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start to follow at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 plus normal green fees and cart, with all proceeds going to support Top Three programs.

Prizes will be given to first through third place winners, for closest to the pin and most accurate drive.

You may sign up as a team or as a single. Deadline for sign-up is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

For more information, contact Master Sgts. Jerry Smith at 456-8624, Mike Barnes at 456-8619 or Robert Trusty at 456-8628.

Readiness Flight needs your help

The 917th Civil Engineer Readiness Flight is looking for a few good personnel. If you want to be on the cutting edge of technology, have good personnel skills, like to teach, and can spend 10 weeks in apprentice school, contact Senior Master Sgt. Bob Even, readiness flight superintendent, at 456-9169.

Dream come true with Santa's in Blues

This year's Santa's in Blues will take place on Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Bossier Civic Center. The committee needs your help in several areas. If you wish to volunteer, contact Senior Master Sgt. Dan Swannon at 456-8110, or Master Sgts. Pat Roberson at 456-8066, or Tamara Stephens at 456-3184.



Are you in need of child care during the UTA?

If so...you've got it!

How old do my children have to be?

Children between the ages of six weeks and 12 years of age will be accepted.

How much does it cost?

The child care is free-of-charge

What information about my child do you require?

A history of your child will be required, to include emergency phone numbers and immunization records, prior to receiving child care.

Where will the child care take place?

Your child will be placed in the home of a licensed family child care provider who has been carefully screened by the Family Child Care Office.

How do I sign up?

Simply call the Family Child Care office at 456-8912 or no later than the Wednesday prior to the UTA. Children will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis, with limited number of spaces available.

Note:

Dependents of reservists who are interested in making extra money by being licensed child care providers during the UTA should call the Family Child Care Office and apply today.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders visit 917th Wing

Master Sgt. Michael Brooks, 917th Logistics Support Squadron vehicle operator, talks with Breah Brown, a cheerleader, during the cheerleaders' visit to the Wing on Oct. 16.



Wing Christmas Party tickets are now on sale!

Deadline to purchase tickets is Nov. 23.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 456-8145.

Wing newcomers

Ten new reservists joined the 917th Wing. They will attend the newcomers briefing and then join their respective squadrons.

917th Communications Flight

Senior Airman Mary Blanton

Senior Airman Lillian Gilkes

Capt. Michael Wind

917th Medical Squadron

Senior Airman Shawn Coleman

Maj. Charles Eaton II

Senior Airman Donald Grimes

Senior Airman Jessica Miller

917th Wing

Senior Airman Joshua Dollar

47th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Christopher Fry

917th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Charles Griffith

917th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Adrien Little

93rd Bomb Squadron

Staff Sgt. David Mitchell, Jr.

Senior Airman Jeremy Stokes

'Weigh' over, 'weigh' under or just right

Wing experts answer questions about weight requirements

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 917th Wing participated in the annual weigh-in last month. Two Wing experts offer some explanation as to why the scale may or may not have tipped in your favor.

Question One: I work out every day, yet I fail to meet the weight standard. Does this mean I'm fat?

"It is a well-known fact that muscle weighs more than fat," said Tech. Sgt. Bill Parrish, weight monitor for the 47th Fighter Squadron. "Those who religiously work out at health centers may be over the weight standards determined for their height."

"The muscle bound guy may not meet his weight standard for the Air Force," said Tech. Sgt. Byron Hardy, 93rd Bomb Squadron instruments and flight control systems specialist and program manager at the Health and Wellness Center. "So body fat measurement becomes our way of distinguishing those guys from the large guy who is just plain fat."

Question Two: What if I fail to meet the weight required for my height?

When this happens, the Air Force resorts to using the Anthropometrics method, commonly known as "taping."

"Waist circumference can be used alone as an indicator," said Hardy. However, measuring the neck as well will distinguish between the different body types and give a more accurate idea of body composition."

Measuring body fat for males is done by measuring the neck and

the waist (directly over the belly button). The neck measurement is subtracted from the waist, and a circumference is determined.

Measuring body fat for females is the same, except for the additional measurement around the buttocks. Both measurements for the waist and buttocks are totaled, with the neck measurement subtracted to obtain the circumference.

Question Three: What happens if I fail to meet the weight standard even after I'm taped?

For those who fail all criteria, the weight management program is next.

"If a member is placed on the weight management program, he is given 90 days to come into compliance, either by weight or body fat measurement," Parrish said. "If he is still over, he has one additional month for each percentage he is over."

"A male member with a BFM of 28 percent, for example, is given 90 days to come into compliance," Parrish said. "If at the end of 90 days, the member's BFM is 26 percent, he is then given 30 days for each percent over. He would then be given 60 days to reach the 24 percent maximum allowable body fat measurement. At the end of the 60 days, should the member still be out of compliance, options can be explored by that individual's squadron commander."

"It is in the member's best interest to diet, exercise and show progress," said Parrish. "Whether a member believes the current regulations are fair or not, the fact is they are the standards currently enforced," said Parrish. "I just think of this (regulations) as a little added incentive."

Editor's Note: Refer to AFRC 40-502 for more information.

Voices: How do you think the Air Force weight requirements can be improved?



Airman 1st Class Jessica McLane
917th Medical Squadron

"The Air Force weight standards need to be more strictly enforced."



Maj. Karen Chin
917th Medical Squadron

"We need to make sure we are using the most up-to-date weight standards."



Tech. Sgt. Bill Parrish
47th Fighter Squadron

"Half of our reservists are over the age of 40. The weight standards need to account for that and be a little more lenient."



Tech. Sgt. Richelle Walter
917th Operations Group

"The standards should consider people who have different builds. Women with children tend to be shaped differently than ones who don't have children."

917th Wing Training Schedule

November 2-3, 2002

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital
0730	Physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Family practice
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800 & 1300	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0930 & 1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
1300	Unit Safety Rep Meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1400	Make-up Fitness Walk	Gym track
1400	MSS Commander's Call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1550-1615 Sign-out	1550--MXS 1600-CES, MSS, WG	1610--LG

Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	UCI meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000	Wing Christmas Party mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1300	Support Group SITS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1430	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1515	47FS commander's call	47 FS auditorium
1550-1615 Sign-out	1550--MXS 1600-CES, MSS, WG	1610--LG

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

Barksdale AFB, La.
Master Sgt. Joe Menna
Master Sgt. Don Copeland
Tech. Sgt. Gary Johnson
1-800-241-4071

Monroe, La.
318-323-1898

Texarkana, Texas
Staff Sgt. Matt Lucas, 903-223-7030

Interested in becoming a recruiter? Call 917th Wing Recruiting at 456-9751.

Shreveport, La.
Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed
318-683-0331

Little Rock AFB, Ark.
Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land
501-987-7188

Mesquite/Tyler, Texas
Tech. Sgt. Clark Fitzpatrick
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

SERVICES

Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205

Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

Sunday

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179

Friday - Sunday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

Chaplain DeVaul (318) 208-8362

Chaplain Willis (318) 208-8360

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1 47FS - 11:45

WG - 11 MSS - 11:45 93 BS - 11:15

CES - noon SFS - 12:15

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours: Saturday & Sunday, noon - 2 p.m.

Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Military Pay

Main UTA Schedule

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Gov. Credit Card Service

Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546

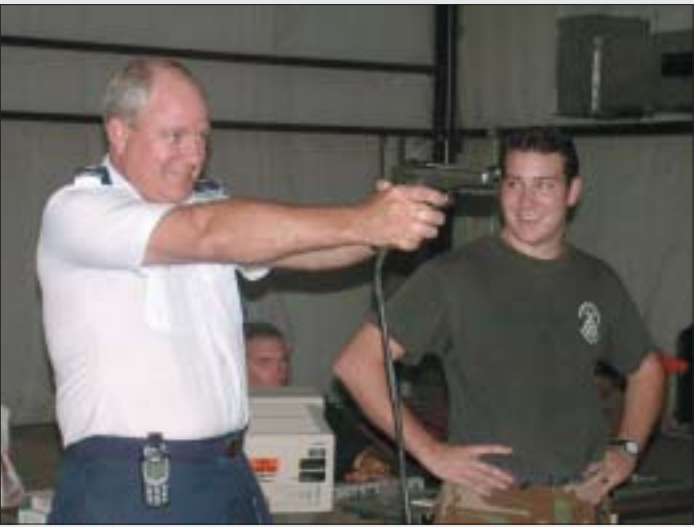
Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Main UTA - 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Saturday only)

Military clothing issue

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main UTA Saturday 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m.



Col. Michael Smith, 440 AW commander, takes aim using the Firearms Training Simulator during their visit.

Wisconsin civic leaders visit Wing

PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT
 Maj. John Russell, 47th Fighter Squadron A-10 instructor pilot, shows Lyle Larchied, civic leader, how to fly an A-10 using the simulator. Members of the 440th Airlift Wing, Gen. Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Milwaukee, Wis., and civic leaders from the Milwaukee area visited the 917th Wing in September.



UTA Schedule

Main	Alternate
Nov. 2-3	Nov. 16-17
Dec. 7-8	No alternate
Jan. 4-5, 2003	Jan. 11-12, 2003
Feb. 1-2	Feb. 8-9
March 1-2	March 15-16
April 5-6	April 12-13
May 17-18	May 3-4
June 7-8	June 21-22
July 12-13	July 19-20
Aug. 2-3	Aug. 16-17
Sept. 6-7	Sept. 13-14
Oct. 4-5	Oct. 18-19

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